

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### **Present:**

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)  
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

#### **Absent:**

Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)  
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

#### **Also attending:**

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
Jazmine Moore, intern

### **Announcement of Quorum**

At 9:42 a.m., Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum did not exist for the meeting and the members present would be acting as a committee of the Board.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

*No minutes to review.*

### IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker introduced Jasmine Moore, summer intern to the Board. Executive Director Walker also informed the Board that the election of officers will be postponed due to lack of quorum.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - Ms. Weston informed the Committee that conversations within NASW regarding confidentiality are going forward and that there will be more to report in the coming months.

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*Upon motion made by Ms. Bowman seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the recommendations of the supervisor credentials as presented. Voting in favor: all.*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*Upon motion made by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Bowman the Committee voted to recommend approval of the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute, Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor: all.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Michael Aaron  
Brenda L. Bedward  
Catherine Benedict  
Laura Brooks  
Emily Buchenhorst  
Manuela Garcia  
Adam Germinsky  
Richard Hibbert  
Justin D. Kennard  
Jayne Licata  
Felix Rodriguez

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Virginia Abrey  
Courtney Alvarez  
Laura Borrelli

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Margarita Bossa  
Nicole Brito  
Jessica Brock-Pitts  
Shannon Burdick  
Angela R. Constantino  
Robin Cohn  
Jesse Coudray  
Mary Culley  
Jodi Fox  
Suzanne Farkas  
Elizabeth Frei  
Melissa Jacobs  
Amanda Glassman  
Lindsay G. Larris  
Chedva Lax  
Lauren D. Livorsi  
Amy J. Lozano  
Heather MacNew  
Janine Marsico  
Nicole D. Murphy  
Susan Ortiz  
Kristin Pragle  
Christopher Principato  
Jacqueline Printon  
Edward Ramirez  
Barbara Rexer  
Laura Richardson  
Robyera ReVoal  
Kathleen Roscovich  
Otis Schuk  
Alyssa L. Simmonds  
Jodi Skiba  
Marlene Valera  
Vanessa Ventricelli

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Artz, Courtney  
Atzbi, Deborah  
Bada-Devers, Melissa  
Bardello, Matthew

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Blake, Katie C.  
Brazaitis, Tomas  
Bricuyet, Neola  
Brookins, Karell M.C.  
Camarda, Alexandra B.  
Cashin, Jennifer S.  
Cervantes, Ladygrace  
Cervone, Joshua  
Chiu, Trista Y.  
Ciara, Noelle  
Cohen, Jaclyn D.  
Cohen, Sandra N.  
Balzano, Chamomile S.  
Damian, Faith J.  
Doherty, Brendan K.  
Farrokh, Lara P.  
Forest, Tiffany Y.  
Fuentes, Sara L.  
Gabrieli, Alexa A.  
Gillett-Spio, Iris  
Gilbert, Brittan L.  
Gillon, Nancy J.  
Gleason, Alexandra A.  
Goodson, Erin E.  
Gosselin, Keith V.  
Hirschberg, Alyssa M.  
Hoche, Elisa A.  
Hoge, Laura H.  
Hubbard, Christine A.  
Kalman, Michelle A.  
Keiper, Victoria L.  
Krumenaker, Rachel L.  
Lally, Maria N.  
Lee, Dana M.  
Lepore, Amorren E.  
Levels-Hood, Tamika L.  
Lombardi, Christopher J.  
Madey, Lauren E.  
Maher, Tara K.  
Meyer, Kristen M.  
Miller, Alexandra H.  
Mizrachi, Brook S.

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Nelson, Barbara L.  
Nwaziri, Alexia A.  
Ott, Alicia M.  
Pierre-Paul, Peterson  
Piraci, Christine M.  
Redcay, Mayte  
Robinson, Chelsey A.  
Romano, Janine M.  
Rowe, Sandra L.  
Schmidt, Elizabeth J.  
Scriven, Cheryl E.  
Sedlak, Dana A.  
Sellars, Kerry L.  
Skirka, Samantha J.  
Slachta, Justina M.  
Smiley, Carolyn  
Smith-Rehberg, Ashley K.  
Spies, Michelle J.  
Sprow, Laura B.  
Sriwardena, Shenelle S.  
Stanmyre, Jackie F.  
Starkman, Sabrina E.  
Stewart, Julia D.  
Sumliner, Tracey B.  
Taveras, Patricia  
Taveras, Tania  
Taylor, Kathleen  
Totino, Gina  
Tracey, Meghan K.  
Unangst, Jennifer B.  
Van Jura, Bailey L.  
Waller, Jazmin R.  
Walsh, Laura A.  
Warne, Lindsey M.  
Zaeder, Alison L.

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Antinori, Julia R.  
Balakoff, Gina M.  
Bardach, Lauren S.  
Barbary, Lauren R.  
Beaupre, Diane G.  
Behar, Leah D.

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Brown, Stephanie J.  
Chenot, Molly O.  
Christie, Laura Y.  
Cody, Kathleen A.  
Compitus, Katherine O.  
Cotton, Jenna L.  
Dresnack-Kravitz, Amy E  
Dunnells, Morgan  
Endicott, Linda S.  
Glashow, Courtney E.  
Gottheimer, Brooke  
Haddon, Patricia A.  
Hodgson, Lesley-Ann  
Hollman, Whitney A.  
Hurley, Christopher B.  
King-Anderson, Lita S.  
Lapersonne, Stephanie N.  
Lazzarotti, Amanda J.  
Lidofsky, Lori J.  
Loria, Megan M.  
Matias, Siobhan  
McGuire, Karie J.  
McHugh, Breana A.  
Neilson, Ashley N.  
Nelson, Dana R.  
Pena, Maria A.  
Perez, Gloria M.  
Popelsky, Danielle K.  
Raisch, Allison M.  
Rullo, Melissa M.  
Seligman, Stacey  
Shakow, Rivka S.  
Silverman, Samantha D.  
Steinman, Lea K.  
Tchalikian, Nayirn S.  
Vaynshtok, Michelle R.  
Washington, Amber A.  
Williams, Khabir J.  
Zook, Rebecca L.

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**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Amatallah N. Ali  
Natalie E. Amalfitano  
Brittany M. Cosenza  
Samantha W. Goldstein  
Alycia E. Johnson  
Patricia E. Masserini  
Kimesha L. Simpson-Conrad  
Teresa Sulpizio

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Shawn L. Banks  
Grace Billgrace  
Inga A. Cameron  
Mick P. Daity  
Porsha M. Davis  
Michael J. DeVillers  
Amanda M. Hart  
Kellie N. Johnson  
Camillia Jones  
Dana D. Laboy  
Caroline M. Levari  
Kelly M. Longo  
Meaghan C. McDowell  
Gladys E. Munoz  
Jacquelyn V. Olson  
Megan M. O'Neill  
Maxie L. Quinones  
Kelsey A. Robinson  
Rasheeda R. Roundtree  
Christina M. Squillace  
Lisa Y. Thomas  
Aloha M. Wilkins  
Ambria G. Willis

**VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**A. Continuing Education Review**

*Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Committee clarified that the course entitled "Ethical and Legal Issues in Social Work: Part I" was approved in error. The Committee also reaffirmed its decision to deny the course entitled "Ethical and*

*Legal Issues in Social Work: Part II.” Voting in favor: all.*

*The Committee reviewed continuing education courses and recommended approval of all presented. Voting in favor: all.*

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Virginia Downey, MSW, LCSW, LCADC, DCC-** The Committee reviewed the article by Ms. Downey regarding distance counseling. *Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Committee voted to refer this article to the internet counseling sub-committee of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Monica McGoldrick, LCSW -** The Board reviewed the letter from Ms. McGoldrick’s attorney, Mr. David C. Barry, Esq regarding an in-person course pursuant to the filed May 14, 2014 Consent Order. *Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Committee voted not to recommend approval of the presented course entitled “Ethical Principles in the Practice of New Jersey Mental Health Professionals” due to it being too general. Voting in favor: all.*

## **X. MEETING DATES FOR 2014**

*please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.*

July 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 13, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 8, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 11:53 a.m. and the Committee moved to executive session upon motion by Mr. St. Onge seconded by Ms. Bowman The Committee re-entered public session at 2:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair